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SUBJECT:US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO KOREA

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION MAY BE USED IN THE MEETING OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY MATTERS.

2. NRC AND KAEV HAVE AGREED ON THE APPOINTMENT OF YOUNG SOUNG HAHN, KAEV, TO THE STAFF OF THE NRC FOR A SIX TO TWELVE MONTH ASSIGNMENT STARTING APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 1, 1977. HAHN WILL PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL NRC TRAINING COURSES AND BE ASSIGNED IN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT WHERE HE WILL PARTICIPATE IN QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS RELATED TO REACTOR CONSTRUCTION. THE OFFICIAL

LETTER OF INVITATION IS TO BE SENT LATER THIS WEEK.

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3. CHOON KYUNG PARK, KAERI, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR A ONE YEAR ASSIGNMENT AT THE IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY IN THE NRC FUNDED SEMI-SCALE PROJECT. THIS PROJECT IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE THERMAL-HYDRAULIC ASPECT OF HYPOTHETICAL LOSS OF COOLING ACCIDENTS IN PWRS AND THE EXPERIENCE GAINED BY MR. PARK COULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT TO KOREAN CAPABILITY IN SAFETY ANALYSIS.

4. NRC HAS SENT TO IAEA NAMES OF TWO HIGHLY QUALIFIED EXPERTS IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR PROPOSED 3-MONTH ASSIGNMENT IN KOREA. (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE POSITION KOR/9/07.)

5. NRC HAS BEGUN EFFORT TO RECRUIT CANDIDATES FOR IAEA LICENSING ADVISOR TO BE ASSIGNED TO KOREA FOR A 3-MONTH PERIOD. (IAEA POSITION KOR/9D/09.)

6. DURING JUNE MEETING WITH ROK REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR (NRC) AGREED TO SPEAK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND IAEA ON PENDING TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS IN THE U.S.

LAFLEUR REPORTS FOLLOWING PLACEMENTS: CHAE BONG KIL, KOREA ELEC. CO. TO STONE AND WEBSTER; SUK SOO DONG, KAERI, TO ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY; LEE HAI CHANG, KOREA ELEC. CO., TO WESTINGHOUSE; KIM JONG SHIN, KOREA ELEC. CO., TO BECHTEL; AHN DAWK, KOREA ELEC.CO., TO PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY; MIN BYUNG DON, KOREA ELEC. CO., TO MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY; LEE SANG HAE, KOREA ELEC. CO., TO WESTINGHOUSE; LEE CHANG JAE, KAERI, TO THE BUREAU OF MINES; LEE SUN WHAN, KAERI, TO THE HIGH VOLTAGE CORPORATION.

7. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE NRC IS ALSO WORKING ON UNCLASSIFIED

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SEVERAL OF THE OTHER TRAINING AND EXPERT ASSISTANCE ASSIGNMENTS DISCUSSED WITH DR. GUN BAE LEE AND OTHER ROK REPRESENTATIVES IN JUNE.

8. BEGIN FYI WE HAVE VERIFIED THAT NO SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY IS INVOLVED IN ANY OF THESE ASSIGNMENTS. END FYI VANCE

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